

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1744.

the AUTHOR, &c.



IN my last, I made some Observations on the Judgment of Managers in the Casts of Parts: I shall now bestow some few Thoughts on their Policy; in which it will not be difficult for me, to point out Errors of a worse Kind.

One of them, after seeing his Company reduced to the low- (the Occasion of which I may hereafter consider) had the good Fortune to make a late Acquisition, by which he will be enabled to turn Actor upon his Brother Manager.

Donor was this Acquisition made, but he turn'd his Thoughts towards making the most of his Bargain. But of this was, that each Actor should act separately on different Nights; founded upon this Notion either of them would bring an Audience; by Means (each of them acting three Nights every Week) would have a full House every Night.

If a Manager had nothing else to consider but to put Money in his Pocket, might have been a judicious Project; but, for their future Conduct, take the Liberty to acquaint them, that other are expected from them.

The first Place; the Publick Diversions of a People have been thought worthy the Care of the Legislature; because, as Peoples Morals are to be affected by Exhibitions, their Tastes improved, or corrupted, their Pleasures regulated; great Good, or great Evil flow from this Quarter.

In consequence of this, Royal Patents have been granted to proper Persons. These Patents, in Process, have chang'd Hands; and the present Possession of them, have foolishly imagin'd that the Title has not devolved with the Title, on them. It is a Mistake: The Condition under which the Patent became so, equally ties the last;

patentes natorum & qui nascuntur ab illis.

The first Condition is, to exhibit proper Representation in the best Manner they are able; or, in plain English, to cast into every Play the full Strength of their Art.

It is a Duty they owe the Patent, in the first Instance. In the next, it is what the Town, who support and maintain them, have a Right to expect; and to refuse.

It would be almost trespassing upon the Patience of the Town, to remark how contrary the Policy above-mentioned is to this original Duty on the Part of the Actors! But I will shew the Manager, how contrary to his own Interest; which may possibly open his Eyes: And this will bring me necessarily, in order to support what I here advance, to take Notice of some wrong Casts, since my last.

The Play of the Fair Penitent, Mr. Sh——n was cast improperly, into the Part of Horatio; which I call'd for Mr. D——ne in that House. However what may be guessed from the Play) is a Person of some Weight and Gravity, a sensible, honest Friend; and one whose Years, in Comparison of Mr. Sh——n's, were such as might command Respect from

so personated this Character? A Stripping in a Play; (at least, one who look'd so; and to make his Part more absurd, who was dress'd Gayly than the Character, or even the Bridegroom Alcibiades!)

It would think Common Sense had forsaken Mr. Sh——n, and Actor; the one for Casting wrong, and the other for Dressing still more improperly! But why was Mr. Sh——n left out of the Play? Would he not have spoken, and acted Lothario? Whose Youth, whose Manner, in that House, would have better suited it?

Thus then this Play stands: Mr. D——ne ill Cast, Mr. G——k left out.

I shall now proceed to the next — Venice Preserv'd. Again we find Mr. D——ne ill Cast, for the sake of Mr. Sh——n; still worse. Need I say how better this Play would have acted, had Mr. D——ne been cast in the Part of Pierre, and Mr. G——k Jaffier. Mr. D——ne's Part and Figure would surely have better become him, who had fought the Republick's Battles, than the Part of Jaffier, who over-boyishly dress'd himself again; and Mr. G——k's Youth, and that Tenacious Youth might be supposed to have for Bel-

videre, would have a little excus'd his betraying his Friend. Whereas, when we look at Mr. D——ne, in the Part of Jaffier, we can hardly suppose such a grave-looking Man should have so much Weakness, as to tell his Wife; and do not pity him at all.

Thus then, we find again Mr. D——ne ill cast, and Mr. G——k left out, and all from the same mistaken Policy in the Manager.

But, Sir, (if by any Figure of Speech I may be allowed here to address that Manager) Have you once thought how much Mrs. G——k loses for want of a proper Companion? Has it once enter'd into your Head (I believe your's is the only one it has not enter'd into) that two Actors, equally good, shall act the same Scene much better, than (I am) almost assur'd to put such a Question, but your amazing Want of Judgment forces me) One of these Actors acting with a worse? Why, Sir, two Actors equally good, will act a Scene better, than one Actor greatly Superior acting with one greatly Inferior! At least, it will appear better to an Audience, who will not be compell'd to remark a Difference, that seemingly links the good Actor, and makes the middling one, appear worse.

I shall, for the Present conclude, in hopes if I am right in my Judgment, it may alter the Conduct of the Manager. I am,

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Yours,

W. HINT.

P. S. In my next, I may consider the Case of the excluded Actors.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Naples, October 13.

OUR Affairs are in much the same Posture that they were; that is to say, we are still employed in raising Money, levying Men, and sending great Convoys of Provisions to the Camp at Velletri. Some Lawyers are employed here in penning a Manifesto, which the Court intends shortly to publish; but we have not hitherto been able to learn the Subject of it; tho' we persuade ourselves, it has a Relation to the Claim deriv'd to his Majesty by his Descent from the House of Medicis. When we thought the Plague entirely extinct in Calabria, and it was even judged unnecessary to take any farther Precaution, we were alarm'd by the unexpected News, that two of the Guard which formed the Line near Reggio, were dead, with evident Symptoms of Contagion. This has alarm'd us to the last Degree; and a Report prevails, as if the Magistrates of Health will procure another Line to be drawn without that which subsists at present; but first of all, Surgeons will be sent to infect the Soldiers in the advanced Posts.

Extract of an Account transmitted from the King of Sardinia, to the Duke of Savoy, at Turin, dated from the Camp at Fossino, October 14, 1744.

The Enemy have not above four Pieces of Cannon upon their Batteries at Coni; they have already dismounted 20 Pieces of Artillery, and five Mortars, in order to send them to Demont; but whether they are disabled, or whether this be done only by Way of Precaution, the Besieged cannot pretend to determine. Such of their Sick as are able to travel, and a good Part of their Cavalry, are returned to France. The Deserters, of whom we have every Day Crowds, report, that they are not only in want of Bread, but, from time to time, have not a morsel left. We have sent a Detachment to Bouvet, to cut off their Communication. As for the Garrison in Coni, they are in very tolerable Condition, and in very high Spirits; the Women are turn'd Amazons; and there were several of them in the late Salies, in which they ruin'd the Enemy's Works, and nail'd several Pieces of Cannon. The Governor writes Word, that they are not at all in Want; and that he does not doubt defending the Place for five Weeks, if the Enemy should not raise the Siege before that Time; which, however, is highly probable they will.

Brussels, November 3. General Ligonier, who commands the English Troops, in the Absence of Field Marshal Wade, arrived here from Ghent, on the 29th of last Month. The Earls of Albemarle and Crawford, are preparing to return to England; but the rest of the Officers have strict Orders to remain with their Regiments. According to all the Accounts that have been lately received from French Flanders, the Enemy's Troops are in a very bad Condition; and it is thought, that the

Count de Saxe will want 15000 Men, to complete the Regiments which compose his Army; and these are to be rais'd in Lorraine, and the Three Bishopricks. According to our last Advices from Fribourg, the French Guards suffer'd prodigiously in the Attack of the Cover'd Way, and there is a Report spread, that the Siege of that Place, is already, or will be very shortly, form'd into a Blockade. There arriv'd, Yesterday, an Express from the Army of Prince Charles of Lorraine, with Advice, that the Saxons have join'd him, and that he is now above 10,000 Superior to the Enemy.

Florence, October 20. In Consequence of Dispatches which arriv'd on the 13th, by an Estate to the Regency, from the Great Duke, an extraordinary Council was summon'd on the 17th, in which the Orders from his Highness were read; which were, to raise a Third Regiment of Militia, of 3000 Men; and to augment the Two others on Foot, each to 3000 Men. The Magazines which the Austrians lately removed from Sinigaglia, have been transported to Revere and Oleggia by the Adriatick and the Po. Four Mortars, with a Quantity of Bombs, Ammunition, &c. from Rimini, have likewise been removed to Mantua; and Carriages with Baggage, &c. from Prince Lobkowitz's Army, pass frequently by Bologna for Lombardy.

Vienna, October 24. His Prussian Majesty has advanced from Jankow to Beneschaw, and since, from Beneschaw cross'd the Zafava to Diefespeck; from whence there are but two good Marches to Prague. The Prussians have, in all their Motions, kept the Heights the least accessible to Cavalry. It is reported here, that there is no Magazine of Hay in particular at Prague; but that, amongst other Magazines on the Elbe, his Prussian Majesty had made two considerable ones at Leutenitz and Terehin, towards Saxony; and that every Thing is now removing into Prague, in order to form there the principal Magazine. An Attempt to surprize Pandowitz, where the Prussians had their greatest Magazine upon the Elbe, has in some Measure failed. The Austrians, disguised like Peasants, to lead the Waggon's loaded with Grenadiers, were discovered by the untimely coming up of a noisy Hussar, and by an Austrian Grenadier's firing a Pistol upon a Prussian Lieutenant-Colonel, who was advanced out of the Town, to see what occasion'd the Stoppage at the Gate, where some Waggon's happened to be going out of the Town, when the Austrian Waggon's were entering. The Lieutenant-Colonel struck the disguised Grenadier with his Cane, to oblige him to make Room with his Cart, which cost the Officer his Life. The Austrians found Means, however, with the Loss of 100 Men kill'd and wounded, or missing; to burn a great Quantity of Hay and Straw, and to destroy 40,000 Rations of Corn; but the greatest Part of the Magazine, which is in the Castle, was saved by the Prussians, who remain Masters of the Town. Baron Trenk has storm'd Butweis, Sword in Hand, and made Prisoners of War Major General Kreutz, with 800 Men, and four Pieces of Cannon. Frauenberg, where there are 250 Men, has demanded to Capitulate; but Trenk insists upon having them Prisoners of War. General Marshal has carried Cannon against Tabor; and if he succeeds as well as Colonel Trenk, there will have been made very near as many Prisoners of War, at these three Places, as the King of Prussia found of Regular Troops in Prague. The Imperial Generals Minuzzi and Preising are under Arrest, and confined at Graz, in the same manner as Count Schaffgotsch, the Grand Burgrave of Bohemia, is treated at Prague; with a Threat, that if the latter is removed but one Mile from Prague, the other shall be sent to Temeswar.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, October 29. Wind W. Came down the Baccus Privateer, Wadhams, for a Cruise; the Soudades, Blackaby, for Lisbon; the Lucy, Egglestone, for Madeira; the John, Paul, and the N. S. de Rosario, Traverz, both for Lisbon; the Prince William, Buttler, for Waterford; the St. Anthony, Amstrag, for Glasgow; and remain with the Princess Louisa Man of War, and outward-bound as per list.

L O N D O N.

They write from Lisbon, that on the 24th of September there arriv'd in that Harbour, the Nostra Signora da Conceicao Lusitania, very richly laden, from the Coast of Bengal and Coromandel. Her Cargo consists, in Part, of 274,800 lb. Salt Petre, 8699 lb. of Raw Silk, 42,050 lb. Curia, from the Maldives, 1960 lb. Incense, 1970 lb. Betax, 600 lb. Coffee, from Ceylon; 99 Chests of Indian Tea, 116 Chests of Bohea.

We learn by private Letters from Stockholm, dated October 23, that Orders have been issued for reducing

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the Troops to go Men in a Company, and the Officers in Proportion; and they talk of dismissing the Seamen also, and laying up the Fleet.

The last Letters from Chamberlayne say, that several Domesticks of Don Philip were arrived there, in order to make the necessary Preparations for his Reception; his Royal Highness intends to spend a Part of the Winter in that City.

The Terrible Prize, from Martinico, taken by the Defence Privateer, Captain Bonham, and separated in bad Weather, is since retaken, and carried into Brest.

A Vessel from Placentia for Apudore, with 60 Tons of Oil, was taken the 16th Instant off Cape Clare, by a small French Privateer of 8 x Guns. On the 24th Inst. the said Privateer was forced up the Bristol Channel; and not knowing where they were, and being very leaky, the French surrendered themselves to the English Prisoners on board, who carried them into Apudore. They left the Prize off Scilly.

The Endeavour, from Waterford for Gibraltar, is taken by a French Man of War, and carried into Cadiz.

The Newbury Brigantine, Charles Byrne Master, bound from Dublin to Antigua, was lately taken by a French Privateer, and carried into Guadaloupe.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birth-Day, who then enter'd into the 62d Year of his Age, the same was observed by Ringing of Bells, Bonfires, &c. throughout the Cities of London and Westminster.

Yesterday Martha Howard was committed to Wood-street Compter, by Mr. Alderman Arnold, for stealing out of the House of Martha Bibington, of White Lion Court, Fleetstreet, a Camblet Gown, value 12 s.

As was James Galloway to the same Place, for stealing a large Silver Spoon out of the House of Mr. Edward Sadler, a Whalebone Merchant in Silver-street; which was found upon him.

And John Harman to Wood-street Compter, for stealing out of the Shop of Messieurs Finch, and Company, Mercers in Smithfield Cloysters, a Parcel of Silks and Camblets, value 15 l.

Likewise Elizabeth Frith to Bridewell, for pilfering some Tobacco from Botolph Wharf.

William Harper, otherwise old Daddy, otherwise old Man, is committed to Newgate, for being concerned with four other Persons, now Convicts in Newgate, for assaulting, and putting in Bodily Fear, one Alexander Forfar, a Headborough near Cow Cross, and robbing him of a Silver mounted Pistol, value One Guinea.

We are desir'd to acquaint the Publick, that

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